GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CROPS DAMAGE DUE TO UNSEASONAL RAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some standing crops are likely to be ruined by unseasonal rains in various parts of the country during the current year;

(b) if so, the details of the estimated crops, indicating their names quantity and the States;

(c) whether the Government has provided any economic assistance to the farmers as a relief measure for the damage caused to their crops; and

(d) if so, the details of the States where the economic assistance has been provided indicating the amount of assistance provided to each State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): State Governments based on their preliminary assessment, have reported that the crop area of about 17.72 lakh hectares has been affected which include crops like paddy, jowar, maize, bajra, pulses, oilseeds, etc. The State-wise crop area affected is given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) The assistance for relief and rehabilitation in the wake of natural calamities is given to the States in two ways;
(i) A Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State which is contributed by the Government of India and the State Governments in ratio of 3 :

1. The State Governments are required to meet relief expenditure from the CRF; and

(ii) In case the calamity is of a severe nature and the funds available in the State`s CRF account are not sufficient, additional assistance is provided to the States out of the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), after following the established procedure. Under the guidelines for expenditure from CRF/NCCF the assistance to the affected farmers is admissible for Agriculture Input Subsidy, damage to houses, employment under relief programmes, assistance for loss of animals, assistance for feed, fodder and ex-gratia payment to families of deceased persons. The State-wise allocation and release of funds from CRF/NCCF during 2005-06 is given at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Damage due to Heavy Rains & Floods during South West Monsoon, 2005

(Provisional, as on 18.8.2005)

S.No.	State	Crop areas affected (Lakh hectrares)
1.	Assam	0.26
2.	Andhra Pradesh	0.03
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.12
4.	Bihar	0.01
5.	Chhatisgarh	0.50
6.	Goa	0.11
7	Gujarat	3.66
8.	Haryana	0.12
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0.58
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	NR
11.	Karnataka	1.97

12. Kerala 0.18
13. Madhya Pradesh 0.05
14. Maharashtra 5.38
15. Meghalaya NR
16. Nagaland Neg.
17. Orissa 2.32
18. Pondicherry 0.70
19. Punjab 1.04
20. Rajasthan 0.34
21. Sikkim NR
22. Tamil Nadu Nil
23. Uttar Pradesh 0.35
24. Uttaranchal NR
25. West Bengal Neg
Total 17.72

Note: NR- Not reported Neg. - Negligible